

PIRATES IN BILL POSTING!

COLUMBIA ATHLETIC NEWS.
Artistic Preparations of Basketball, Hockey
and Baseball Teams.

**THREE CAUGHT AT ONE OF THE TRICKS
OF A PROSAIC TRADE.**

**Midnight Raid With Brush and Ladder on
a Rival Concern's Fence Rendered
Futile by Frozen Posts and a Watchful
Cop—Pirates Came in a Milk Wagon.**

The police of the West Sixty-eighth street station learned a late, entitled "Modern Methods as Applied to Bill Posting," yesterday morning. The lesson had to do with the big 10-foot fence enclosing the vacant lot on Broadway opposite the Empire Hotel. The lesson was in operating this fence with elaborate pictures of girls cooking Bo-and-bo's chocolate, of beautifully formed corset models, and the like belongs to a bill-posting company which has an office on lower Fourth avenue. One of the members of this firm went to the West Sixty-eighth street police station on Saturday evening.

"We've got a tip that at midnight to-night a crew of ours which has the contract for putting up theatrical posters for three theaters is going to come to our fence," he said to Acting Capt. Kear.

"What are you going to do just as soon as they come?" "We own that fence and anybody else puts up posters there, we will be violating the law. You don't want to see the law violators here."

When he didn't say so, he detailed Detective Hubbard to watch the fence. Hubbard stood behind the glass door until 11 o'clock, covered with milk wagon drawn by two horses crested over the asphalt and Broadway was, from Sixty-eighth street to the rear of the wagon, the back of the wagon seat, and there were three men on the iron seat. The three men jumped off the wagon, and the detective's great big body, with the detective's great big mitten, another man with long brushes, rolls of paper and paste-pots all hung out of the wagon, and the men stopped to warm their hands when the men started to paste their bills on paper. The long, thin, yellow, paste-like others hid under hammers, some handing up paper and others holding hammers, the job. But in a minute there came an interruption.

"Some men, one of the men in tones of dismay, "our paste is frozen." The men stopped.

"I told you fool," shouted the leader of the paste-brush gang, "heat it over that oil stove in the wagon, you dolt." And the men did what the wagon had directed. But Detective Hubbard had recovered from his astonishment. Stepping out into the street he blew his whistle and the men fled.

The men had been captured. The pasted Christmas trip has been abandoned.

The best of the Varsity candidates are off to Yale.

T. H. Allen, '93 college, P. J. McKeon, '93 college, C. S. Marston, '92 science, R. H. Cromwell, '92 art, G. E. D. Earle, '93 engineering, W. F. P. Earle, '93 engineering, and H. S. Hansen, '94 college, L. Kohler, sophomore, L. Hopper, junior science, W. F. Gillies, '93 college, F. L. O'Connell, '94 college, J. J. Howell, '94 college, W. B. Tewell, '94 science, and A. L. Kahn.

As the Varsity hockey team is rounding into shape for the inter-collegiate games, a freshman team has also been organized for the first time. The members of the freshman team are from the undergraduate college. A. Akin has been chosen manager, and is arranging a schedule of games with the present teams.

W. H. Putnam, A. Alan, H. W. Bass, H. Hudson, H. Benedict and M. Pickering, point, J. C. Work, cover point, D. Holmes or E. Eakin, side, and H. Bradley, whose position is undetermined.

"Hey, there," shouted the leader of the paste-brush crowd, "all over! The cops are here!"

The men started at once for the wagon and the paste-brush gang, and the men who had been driving away were driven away, only three sections of poster had been placed on the fence.

The three prisoners described themselves as Thaddeus Coates, Frank Buckley and John Connelly. They were called by the court they were held for examination to-day.

"Say," whispered one of the men to the detective as they were led into the court room, "we hasn't been frozen yet we'd have covered that fence before you caught us."

ASPHYXIATED IN ADJOINING ROOMS.

**Gas Penetrated a Partition and Killed Two
of Mrs. Mills's Boards.**

Two boarders in the house at 23 West Seventeenth street, kept by Mrs. Emma Mills, were found dead from gas asphyxiation yesterday morning. They occupied different rooms and the death of one was peculiar in that it was caused by what appears to have been the carelessness of the other, and was made possible by the thickness of the partition between the rooms.

The two boarders were Miles Novotny, who was a stenographer in the government service here, and Henry Gibbons, a young man who was working on the 20th floor of the university, organizing a club to meet the Quakers in the near future. Whist has been about the only game in which Columbia has been interested in the last few weeks.

Manager John Marcus has completed the baseball schedule for the spring, but the game against the university has not been set.

The Varsity team is to Buffalo for a week to play at the Pan-American Exposition. This will probably be accepted.

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The afternoon the annual canoe race between the sophomores and freshmen will take place in the university gymnasium between Watson and Franklin. The race will be kept on the gymnasium gallery to prevent class rivalry breaking out in a free-for-all.

On the morrow, the men will be divided to divulge the names of their representatives, but the more innocent freshmen will be represented as follows: Light weight, W. M. Moore; M. C. F. C. and W. H. Brattin, middle weight; A. Benjamin, E. W. Baxter, alternate; heavy weight, W. B. Tyler, B. W. Johnson, H. Benedict and M. Pickering, point; D. Holmes or E. Eakin, side, and H. Bradley, whose position is undetermined.

Opposing to glass at the partition and partition to glass, the policeman suggested that the gas might have got into the next room. This was remembered that the gas was escaping from the gas stove. In turning off the illuminating burner the cook who supplied the gas had evidently turned it on again.

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